## Physicians for Human Rights

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UK

Director's Report Accounting period 1/7/00-30/6/01



#### PHR-UK's place within the human rights community.

PHR-UK brings the distinctive perceptions of the health profession to human rights abuse, and uses its privileged position in society to promote human rights. PHR-UK's experience over 12 years has demonstrated that not only can the medical world inform that of human rights, but equally, there is a great deal health professionals can learn from the values of the human rights profession. A major PHR-UK goal is to help effect a sea change, such that good medical practice invariably respects patients' human rights, and that health professionals actively engage human rights violations because of their injurious effects on health. The potential of the medical profession worldwide to defend human rights stirs the imagination. That is why PHR-UK has helped to recruit an ever expanding number of like minded national organisations from 4 continents into the International Federation of Health and Human Rights Organisations.

#### Major projects

In addition to its core work PHR-UK is involved in a number of major projects. Firstly, having been influential in developing the 65 paragraph General Comment on Article 12 (the Right to Health) of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, PHR-UK is campaigning to widen awareness of this historic and seminal document. Improved implementation of Article 12 by states parties will diminish the global burden of ill health, including the more than 30,000 children who die every day from mainly preventable disease.

PHR-UK's second project is participation in a campaign to create a United Nations Special Rapporteur on the Independence and Integrity of Health Professionals to prevent interference with healthcare delivery and the persecution of health staff, particularly in conflict situations. Thirdly, PHR-UK is campaigning to establish a health professional on each of the six United Nations treaty monitoring committees, and on the staff of the office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights. PHR-UK considers that the special skills of doctors

significantly enhance the work of these important international organs. Lastly, following the World Medical Association resolution recommending that health and human rights be incorporated within the medical curriculum, PHR-UK has embarked on a programme that will expand its teaching capacity so as to reach more undergraduate and postgraduate students from the UK and abroad.

#### **Affiliation**

PHR-UK is a founder member of the International Federation of Health and Human Rights Organisations, made up of the following national organisations: PHR (USA), PHR-UK, PHR-Denmark, JWF Netherlands, PHR-Israel, PHR-Palestine, PHR-South Africa, CEHA-T-India, PHR-Bangladesh, PHR-Nigeria - and the following observer organisations: Amnesty International, the British Medical Association, the International Committee of the Red Cross, the World Medical Association and the Turkish Medical Association.

PHR-UK is also a founder member of the International Campaign to End Genocide, and collaborates with a number of NGOs in its day to day work.

#### Teaching Health and Human Rights

- 1. Over the year 1/7/00-30/6/01 PHR-UK has held a health and human rights conference in October at whuch Ms Susan Lucas is Coordinator of policy research and good practice at the International HIV/AIDS Alliance spoke on the reality of HIV/AIDS in Africa and Ms Susan Bull is Assistant Director of the Nuffield Council on Bioethics spoke on the ethics of health-care research in developing countries
- 2. In April 2001 PHR began a programme of 10 2 hour lectures in health and human rights at the London School of Hygeine and Tropital Medince involveint

#### April 18th - The right to health

Dr. Eva Gamarnikow, Dept of Policy Studies, The Institute of Education, University of London.

#### April 25th - Providing evidence: doctors and the courts

Dr Christopher Milroy, Department of Forensic Pathology, University of Sheffield.

#### May 2nd - Doctors as victims of and participants in torture

Dr Jim Welsh, Medical coordinator, Amnesty International.

May 9th - Optional one week study trip to Geneva to monitor UN human rights sessions Monday 7th - Friday 11th. Led by Bernie Hamilton, Physicians for Human Rights-UK.

#### May 16th - Women's rights, gender and health

Dr. Eva Gamarnikow, Dept of Policy Studies, The Institute of Education, University of London.

### May 23rd - Medical aspects of the death penalty

Dr Harold Hillman, retired senior physiologist at the University of Surrey.

## May 30th - Identifying remains and evidence of human rights abuse from exhumations

Professor Derrick Pounder," Department of Forensic Medicine, Dundee University.

#### June 6th - Cultural differences in responses to severe trauma

Dr Derek Summerfield, Honorary Lecturer, St Georges Hospital. .

#### June 13th - Chemical and biological genocide

Dr Christine Gosden, Professor of Medical Genetics at the University of Liverpool.

#### June 20th - The medical documentation of torture

Dr Michael Peel, Physician, Medical Foundation for the Care of Victims of Torture.

# June 27th The role of doctors in the promotion, protection and fulfilment of human rights

Dr Peter Hall, Chair of Physicians for Human Rights-UK.

3. In the first half of 2001 PHR planned the Health and Human Rights component of a BSc in International Health at University College London - which will be carried out in 10 half day session in autumn 2001 at the Whittington Hospital

Signed

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Company Accounts for Physicians for Human Rights-UK Registered Office - 91 Harlech Rd, Abbots Langley, Herts, WD5 0BE. Registered Company No 3792515. Registered Charity No 1078420

**Incorporated on:** 16/06/1999

Company Type: PRI/LBG/NSC/S.30 (Private, limited by guarantee, no share capital, section

30 of the Companies Act)

Country Of Origin:United Kingdom

Status: Active

**Nature of Business** 

(SIC(92)):

9133 - other membership organisations

**Mortgage Number** 

of charges:

0 (0 outstanding / 0 part-satisfied / 0 satisfied)

#### Accounting period 1/7/00 to 30/6/01

#### Income

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Subscriptions	£ 4545.00
Donations	£ 18100.08
Bank interest	£ 224.51
Conference fees	£ 1565.00
Total income	£ 24434.51

#### Expenditure

Salaries	£ 3540.00
Expenses	£ 750.91
Printing	£ 345.00
Total Outgoings	£ 4635.91

#### **Balance**

Carried forward	£ 3444.63
Income	£ 24434.51
Expenditure	£ 4635.91
Balance	£ 23243.23

- (a) For the year ended 30th June 2001 the company was entitled to exemption under section 249A(1) of the Companies Act 1985.
- (b) Members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 249B(2) of the Companies Act 1985.
- (c) The directors acknowledge their responsibility for:

i. ensuring the company keeps accounting records which comply with section 221; and

ii. preparing accounts which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year, and of its profit or loss for the financial year, in accordance with the requirements of section 226, and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act relating to accounts, so far as applicable to the company;

(d) The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions in Part VII of the Companies Act 1985 relating to small companies.

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yours sincerely

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